

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

v.

Andrew Nickels,

Defendant.

Case: 2:23-cr-20434

Assigned To : Michelson, Laurie J.

Referral Judge: Patti, Anthony P.

Assign. Date : 7/26/2023 4:26 PM

Description: INDI USA V. SEALED MATTER (DA)

**GOVERNMENT'S MOTION AND SUPPORTING BRIEF
TO SEAL INDICTMENT**

The United States of America hereby moves for an order sealing the Indictment in this case and states:

1. The indictment in this case charges the Defendant with one or more federal crimes.
2. Rule 6(e)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure provides:

(4) Sealed Indictment. The magistrate judge to whom an indictment is returned may direct that the indictment be kept secret until the defendant is in custody or has been released pending trial. The clerk must then seal the indictment, and no person may disclose the indictment's existence except as necessary to issue or execute a warrant or summons.

Fed.R.Crim.P. 6(e)(4).

3. The government requests that the Indictment be sealed because it is concerned that the Defendant may attempt to flee, destroy evidence, or

intimidate witnesses if the Indictment becomes a matter of public record
before the Defendant is arrested.

WHEREFORE, the government requests this Court to issue an order sealing
the Indictment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 26, 2023

IT IS SO ORDERED.



R. Steven Whalen
United States Magistrate Judge

Entered: 7/26/23